Migration of Psychiatrists from AIIMS and NIMHANS

2118. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in recent years, a large number of specialists of Psychiatry including eminent professors from AIIMS and NIMHANS have left India for foreign countries, causing an alarming shortage in major institutes and hospitals;

(b) the estimated number of Psychiatrists left India since 2003 and names of the countries to which they have migrated; and

(c) the causes responsible for the large scale migration of specialists and the remedial action taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Over the past few years, there has been an increase in the number of psychiatrists seeking employment in advanced countries like U.S.A., U.K. and Australia owing to the demand of such Specialists in these countries, owing to improvement in one's prospects, professional, academic and financial considerations which happens world-wide.

The data relating to the number of Psychiatrists who left India for foreign countries are not centrally maintained. Since 2003, 4 Psychiatrists of AIIMS and 3 Psychiatrists of NIMHANS have resigned sought voluntary retirement to go to UK/Australia.

The Central Government is providing asistance for upgrading psychiatric wards of Government Medical Colleges so as to enable them to start Post Graduate Courses.

Medical Tourism

2119. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is emerging as one of the favourite destination for medical tourist in Asia, as per report appearing in an UNCTAD expert paper on general agreement in trade and services;

(b) if so, the details of medical tourist who visited the country during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the reasons for the visits of overwhelming tourists; and

(d) the number of nurses who went to foreign countries under HIA visa as compared to other countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information is not maintained centrally.

(c) India is offering quality medical treatment at a cost much lower than that of other countries of the world particularly in the field of cardiology, cardiac surgery, joint replacement, ophthalmology, oncology, pathology, Indian systems of medicines etc.

(d) As no data is centrally maintained regarding the number of nurses who went to foreign countries under HIA visa, comparison in this regard with other countries is not possible.

National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme

2120. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme is being implemented to control the disease such as Malaria, Dengue and Japanese encephalitis, which are spread by mosquitoes;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made by the Government as a result of implementation of this programme on controlling/elimination of those diseases, so far;

(c) whether any initiatives are proposed to be taken to eliminate Malaria, Dengue, Japanese encephalitis and Filaria totally from the country by effective control of mosquito breeding; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) for prevention and control of vector borne diseases such as Malaria, Filaria, Kala-azar, Japanese Encephalitis (JE) and Dengue fever is being implemented in the entire country. Govt. of India provides technical support to the States and drugs for treatment of Malaria, Filaria and Kala-azar. Insecticides and larvicides are also provided as per the approved norms State Govts. are responsible for planning, implementation and monitoring of the programme. Assistance is also provided for training programme